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On February 9, 2007, the *Los Angeles Times* reported a paraplegic man allegedly dumped in skid row by a Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center van. Reportedly, Los Angeles Police Department officers responded to the patient dumping and now, the man is being treated at the LAC+USC Medical Center.

Given the previous episode of homeless patient dumping by Kaiser Permanente's Bellflower facility as reported by the *Los Angeles Times* on March 23, 2006, this latest incident with Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center again raises questions regarding the progress in developing comprehensive homeless patient discharge policies and procedures. The Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), representing over 170 private and public hospitals and healthcare organizations including all five County hospitals, has partnered with the Department of Health Services to improve homeless patient discharge planning and policies, especially in the areas of acquiring recuperative beds. In spite of these efforts, the continued missteps demonstrate the need to reassess the homeless patient discharge protocols of private and public hospitals and expand recuperative and shelter beds for homeless patients.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to HASC requesting a report on hospital homeless patient discharge policies and procedures and HASC's efforts to obtain additional recuperative beds and dedicated shelter beds for homeless patients discharged from private hospitals.

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